

## NOT GUILTY IN CHASE VERDICT

Former Cincinnati First Baseman Cleared of Ugly Charge by President John Heydler.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—"Not guilty" was the verdict rendered in the case of the National League's first baseman, Harry Chase, yesterday, after a trial before President John Heydler.

Chase was charged with throwing games and having been against his own team. The verdict is a vindication for Chase, as well as the national game.

The charges, filed by the officers of the Cincinnati club, including Manager Christy Mathewson, were in blanket form, alleging violation of section 40 of the league constitution.

President Heydler stated in a general way that the actual charges involving Chase implied that he had bet on the game.

Chase Foolish.

"The testimony showed," said Heydler, "that Chase acted in a foolish and careless manner, both on the field and among the players, and that the club was justified in bringing the charges in view of the many runners which arose from the loose talk of its first baseman."

There was, however, no proof that he intentionally violated or attempted to violate the rules in relation to tampering with players or for any endeavor to secure desired results in the outcome of games.

Chase testified that he had bet on the result of a baseball game with another player only twice in his professional career. The first time was in 1917, when he was a spectator at a National League contest while a member of the American League club. The other was in 1918, when he bet on his club to win a game.

Chase refused to talk when informed of the verdict, but his lawyers issued a statement for him which declared that legal action would be taken to obtain "full redress" from the Cincinnati club which caused his suspension without cause, and held up payment of his salary.

President Heydler said in his findings that "the interests of the public and of the game of baseball are far more important than the fate of any individual."

Heydler also served warning that any National league player who bets on a game, either for or against his own team or whether or not he plays in the game, will be expelled from the league.

**MIKE FINN DRAWS UP TEXAS SCHEDULE**

Magnates Will Vote on Acceptance Or Rejection.

HOUSTON, Texas, Feb. 6.—After having carefully perused several tentative schedules for the Texas league season for the 1919 season, the Houston baseball club, and Mike Finn, manager of the San Antonio Bronchos, the visiting magnates left town for their respective ballparks to await a copy of the schedule and vote on it.

**Fred Fulton Barred From Fighting In Minnesota Arenas**

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Feb. 6.—The Minnesota boxing commission has yesterday voted to bar indefinitely Fred Fulton, Rochester, Minn., heavyweight fighter, from boxing or sparring in Minnesota rings. No reason was given, it is said, but the commission took the action after discussion of Fulton's statement, made recently in San Francisco, that Jack Dempsey had "double crossed" him in their fight on July 27 last.

**Jonesboro After Return Game With Park Field Aviators**

JONESBORO, Ark., Feb. 6. (Sp.)—Secretary Burl Smith has just closed a contest with Clint Clark, Jonesboro, Ark., return game of basketball with the officers of Park field to be played in Memphis on Feb. 19. These birdmen came to Jonesboro just before the holidays and were defeated by the local team.

**R. A. KING IN FRONT.**

FORT HOUSTON, Tex., Feb. 6.—R. A. King, of Delta, Okla., showed in front in the second day's shoot of the Sunray south handicap, breaking 147 out of 150 targets. Harry Matlock, of San Antonio, was second high amateur with 144, and Herman Howard was third with 143. John Livingston, of Birmingham, Ala.; Ed P. Forsgard, of Waco, Tex.; George Nixson, of Kansas City, Mo.; and E. W. Renfro, of Butte, Mont., tied for fourth place, breaking 142 each.

**ROWING BEGINS APRIL 12.**

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 6.—The University of Pennsylvania will open its rowing season on April 12 with the navy at Annapolis. On May 17 the Quaker crews will compete in the Child's cup races at Princeton, and on May 30 in the American Henly which will be rowed on the Schuylkill river here.

Mr. Brown is in communication with several colleges, regarding whether contests for the Pennsylvania crews, but definite arrangements have not been completed.

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### STAR HURLER BACK IN CHICAGO FOLD



URBAN "RED" FABER.

Urban "Red" Faber, recently discharged from the United States naval service, dropped into Chicago a few days ago from Cascade, Ia., had a brief talk with Owner Comiskey of the White Sox, and signed a contract to pitch for the Sox next season. The Sox quit the White Sox in 1917 and then got credit for winning three of the four victories in the world's series against the New York Giants. So the Sox fans feel pretty cheerful.

Faber quit the White Sox in the early part of last season and entered the naval service and since that time, until only a few weeks ago, was a yeoman in the Great Lakes naval training station.

**FAMOUS MOLLA TO RETURN TO NORWAY**

WITH BOATLOAD OF TENNIS TROPHIES



MOLLA BJURSTEDT.

Miss Molla Bjurstedt, the wonderful Norwegian tennis player, who has held the women's championship of the United States since 1915, is planning to return to Norway next summer. The trip takes on a decidedly interesting aspect because of her present intention to compete in the English championship, which probably will be held at Wimbledon in June. Restoration of that historic tournament, which was abandoned during the war, not only will attract the best of the English players but other European experts as well, for the London Field says that France and Belgium certainly will be represented.

The entry of Miss Ljunggren, the French girl whose sensational playing attracted much attention before the war, is anticipated.

### Four Cities Would Take Berth If Mobile Vacates

Shreveport, Macon, Louisville and Montgomery Sitting by and Watching Developments.

—BY BOB FIGUE

MOBILE, Ala., may or may not relinquish her berth in the Southern league, but in case the Bay City severs its connection with the Sunland circuit, there will be no trouble at all in securing a very acceptable city to take its place.

At present there are four cities which have long been seeking an opportunity to secure a berth in the Southern league. Louisville, Ky., has always had an envious eye on a Dixie major franchise, while Montgomery, Ala., which was a member of the league several seasons ago, is again seeking up and citizens and fans of the Alabama city are anxious to again enjoy professional baseball.

Shreveport, La., which is in the Texas league, is another city which has a decided leaning toward the major. And there is Macon, Ga., which has been making things hot during the past few weeks in its efforts to buy the Mobile franchise.

Whether the Mobile club owners are going to give up the franchise or whether it is all camouflage is not known at Southern league headquarters, for President John D. Martin is the agent "Red" Faber who helped the Sox win the pennant in 1917 and then got credit for winning three of the four victories in the world's series against the New York Giants. So the Sox fans feel pretty cheerful.

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**And Pete Still Performs In Role Of Clean-Up Man**

Pete Kilduff, of the Cubs, says that some naval officers have too keen a sense of comedy. Mr. Kilduff, all in his navy blue arrayed, dressed up just like a horse, was promoting by the rail of his baseball, when an officer halted him.

"Young man," said the officer, "you are Kilduff, the noted ball player of the Chicago Cubs, are you not?"

"Aye, aye, sir," saluted Mr. Kilduff.

"Ah, yes," resumed the officer, "you were, I believe, a highly regarded by the management that they made you the cleanup man?"

"Aye, aye, sir," replied the flattered "Red" Kilduff.

"Then," said the officer, "you are the man I'm looking for. Take this sail and clean up this deck!"

**Macon a Live Wire.**

Macon has already shown that it is a live wire, and it is inhabited by some real baseball fans. It is quite likely that the fans will support the team in royal style. The first year of professional baseball in a city of the caliber of Macon is always a good one, and with the fans owning the club, they would feel it incumbent upon themselves to rally around the team at all times with their support, financial and otherwise. If the team failed to make money, then the franchise would have to be transferred to some other city by the mutual agreement of all the club owners.

The one fault to be found with a small town is that the visiting teams always have a kick coming because they do not make as much money as they get in the larger cities. For instance, in Memphis when things are going well the visiting teams always make a killing, because there are thousands of fans to draw from and the park is always well filled. However, on the opposite paw, when the crowd is small the smaller is the bankroll the visitors get, hence their complaint at having a city which will not draw a goodly number of fans.

President John Martin is not worried over the outcome of negotiations of Macon and Mobile for whatever is done, the league will start the season on schedule time and with eight high-class cities composing the circuit. Any plan relating to get out will be replaced with ease and there is every indication and assurance that there will be no hitch in getting under way under the most favorable circumstances.

**Treezy boxing riffs**

Since Pat Moore, the flashy Memphis bantam, missed his last bout in Buñao last Monday night, there has been a rumor of coming reports of the boxing bouts on one sport writers who witnessed the fight pronounced Moore the victor, while others said Loadman was the champion's victor. Here a what the boxing critic of the Buñao Evening Times says about the fight.

"Pat Moore probably trimmed Jimmy Wiles, the English bantam, or he wouldn't have received the verdict at the hands of the group of judges who decided the interlarded bout, but if he didn't show any more than he showed into Dick Loadman last night, Jimmy Wiles must carry most of his power in his name. For five straight rounds Loadman showed little to the boys and rights to the jaw and made him like it."

"In the sixth and seventh rounds Dick tired and showed up, but the succession of stinging jabs he received in those sessions was too much for him. Dick again and he came out strong enough in the ninth to back Pat up against the ropes twice within the first minute of the round."

"On the feather-duster order of the game, Moore probably added a nice sacral punch Loadman put over, but when Loadman sent one in there was something besides tucum powder. Dick also demonstrated that he was a bantamweight, it weighed in at 113 pounds against Moore's 116, and he didn't tire of his battle at the weight, although Moore did come back in the last half of the ninth and the tenth round with a blazing right which smothered Loadman completely. In fact, a few more rounds at the rate these sessions might have made a whole lot of difference in the result. As it turned out, however, the lead Loadman earned in the first half of the battle, and his earnest effort during the last half, earned him the decision."

**Oklahoma Reports Favorably On Bill For Commission**

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Feb. 6.—The house committee on criminal jurisprudence has reported favorably a bill establishing a boxing commission in Oklahoma. Under provisions of the bill it would be possible to hold 20-round bouts in Oklahoma providing a world's championship was at stake. If it becomes a law in time, Oklahoma will be the only state to make a bid for the Willard-Dempsey bout which will eclipse any so far offered.

### "Y" QUINTET TO MEET AVIATORS

Good Game Promised in Saturday Night's Clash.

The undefeated Y. M. C. A. basketball team faces one of the hardest games of the season Saturday, when the association goal-tossers will meet the Park field officers' quintet. The game will begin at 9 o'clock, following a preliminary affair between the Capville team and the second Y. M. C. A. aggregation.

The Y first team has been playing a great brand of basketball this season and when they meet the Y. M. C. A. opponents, among whom were several of the best basketball quintets in the country. The Y quintet is expected to march and are counting on trimming the Park field officers in easy fashion.

The aviators are also up in the big basketball world and have been hard propositions for their opponents to handle, and when they meet the Y. M. C. A. bunch Saturday night they will out loose all they have in an effort to grab the decision.

The game promises to be hard-fought from the first whistle to the last, and one of the biggest crowds of the season will probably witness it.

**Nap Could Hit Any Kind Of Pitching When In His Prime**

Clark Griffith and some cronies were sitting around a table in the Baltimore cafe during the New York baseball conference talking about the old days. Jack Dunn, owner of the Baltimore club, was a member of the party. The conversation turned to the subject of Napoleon Lajoie's retirement.

"Yes, he was a good hitter," said Dunn, "but I could fool him. You know Larry liked 'em broad high and I always pitched low to him." "Well, I used to think I could fool Lajoie, but I won't say that I made him look bad. I happen to have the dope here on how Larry hit against the pitchers in the old National league. Let's see what he did against us, Jack."

With that the Old Fox pulled out a dope sheet which showed that Lajoie hit .569 against Dunn.

"I had you beat, Jack," said Griffith. "He only hit .428 against me."

**PLAYERS REINSTATED.**

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 6.—The national baseball commission, handed down notice yesterday, to the effect that Players Allen Russell and Hugh Hight, of the New York American league club, had been restored to good standing in organized baseball. Both men were carried on the reserve list for this year.

### MATTY THROUGH AS RED LEADER

Pat Moran To Be Retained, Says Herrmann.

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 6.—President August Herrmann yesterday repeated the statement he made when he signed Patrick Moran as manager of the Cincinnati National last week, that Christy Mathewson would not be further considered as eligible for leadership of the Reds.

Herrmann has received a reply to his cablegram to Mathewson, assuring him the latter's future plans. Mathewson's message was brief, merely stating that he would land in America on Feb. 15. No mention was made as to his future plans.

**Shreveport Offers \$100,000 For Big Championship Mill**

SHREVEPORT, La., Feb. 6.—"Tex" Rickard was offered \$100,000 for the Willard-Dempsey fight in or near the city by a syndicate of oil men.

The wire sent Rickard today signed by John Bird, extensive oil operator, stated that the Louisiana laws allow a 20-round bout and that it can be arranged to stage the fight in the Texas league park and arrange for ample seating capacity. Ten thousand dollars would be donated by the Shreveport syndicate to assure good faith, the wire said.

A copy of the telegram was also sent Willard by friends here.

**White Sox Get Ready To Talk To The Senoritas**

Habla Espanol, senor? This is a question which may be familiar to members of the Chicago White Sox during the coming season, because it's Spanish for the question, "Do you speak Spanish?" or something that means the same thing. The South Side players are likely to be brushing up on Spanish all summer, because it is more than likely that they will be down in South America next autumn, where they will have an army and navy week for trapezophones in this country and Canada, culminating in a trophy shoot at each of the 4,000 clubs, on Washington's birthday. A trophy will be presented to the winner at each club shoot and later, when all the scores have been compiled, a special championship trophy will be awarded for a best individual score.

**TRAPSHOOTERS MEET.**

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the American Traps shooting association here yesterday, arrangements were made to have an army and navy week for trapezophones in this country and Canada, culminating in a trophy shoot at each of the 4,000 clubs, on Washington's birthday. A trophy will be presented to the winner at each club shoot and later, when all the scores have been compiled, a special championship trophy will be awarded for a best individual score.

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### PAT GETS HARDEST JOB IN BASEBALL



PAT MORAN.

Pat Moran deserves the distinguished service medal or some other recognition for his bravery in taking the job of managing the Cincinnati Reds. The deal was closed recently when Gerry Herrmann failed to hear from Christy Mathewson in answer to a query as to his intentions. Managing the Reds has proved the toughest job in baseball.

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**MARRIED IN DENVER.**

COLUMBUS, Miss., Feb. 6. (Sp.)—T. Shaw has received a letter announcing the marriage of his daughter, Miss Vivian, to George W. White, which was recently solemnized in Denver, Col. Mr. White is engaged in business at Fort Worth, Tex., where he and his wife will reside.

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